

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 163. A bill to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 164. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 165. A bill to improve air cargo security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 166. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to clarify that the value of certain funeral and burial arrangements are not to be considered available resources under the supplemental security income program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 167. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a Next Generation Lighting Initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 168. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the San Francisco Old Mint; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 169. A bill to permanently repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 170. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and further purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 171. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment to medicare ambulance suppliers of the full costs of providing such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 172. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the access of medicare beneficiaries to services in rural hospitals and critical access hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing of the Superfund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 174. A bill to put a college education within reach, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 175. A bill to establish a direct line of authority for the Office of Trust Reform Implementation and Oversight to oversee the management and reform of Indian trust funds and assets under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, and to advance tribal management of such funds and assets, pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Res. 20. A resolution making minority appointments to certain Senate committees for the 108th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Res. 21. A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Robert C. Byrd for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Byrd as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 19

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 19, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for members of the uniformed services and for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 36

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 36, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the geographic physician work adjustment factor from the geographic indices used to adjust payments under the physician fee schedule, to provide incentives necessary to attract educators and clinical practitioners to underserved areas, and to revise the area wage adjustment applicable under the prospective payment system for skilled nursing facilities.

S. 120

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 120, a bill to eliminate the marriage tax penalty permanently in 2003.

S. 121

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 121, a bill to enhance the operation of the AMBER Alert communications network in order to facilitate the recovery of abducted children, to provide for enhanced notification on highways of alerts and information on such children, and for other purposes.

S. 140

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to prohibit assistance to North Korea or the Korean Peninsula

Development Organization, and for other purposes.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 151, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children.

S. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 19, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should increase the maximum individual Federal Pell Grant award to \$9,000 by 2010.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 162. A bill to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation to authorize the distribution of judgment funds to eligible tribal members of the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona. Identical legislation unanimously passed the Senate last year, but was not able to be considered by the House of Representatives prior to the adjournment of the 107th Congress.

The Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution Act resolves two half-century old claims by the Gila River tribe against the United States for failure to meet Federal obligations to protect the community's use of water from the Gila River and Salt River in Arizona. The original complaint was filed before the Indian Claims Commission on August 8, 1951. In 1982, the United States Court of Claims confirmed liability of the United States to the community, and recently the settlement of these two claims was determined to be 7 million.

So much time has passed that the Indian Claims Commission formerly in charge of fund distributions no longer exists. However, a debt does not disappear. The judgment award has since been transferred from the Indian Claims Commission to a trust account on behalf of the community, managed by the Office of Trust Management at the Department of the Interior.

This judgment award was certified by the Treasury Department on October 6, 1999 for the final portion of the litigation to the two remaining dockets of the Gila River Indian Community. Since that time, the community has been working with the BIA in an attempt to finalize a use and distribution plan to submit to Congress for approval. As outlined in its plan, the community has decided to distribute the judgment award equally to eligible tribal members.